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SUBJECT: SAUVAGNARGUES VISIT TO ITALY

1. ACCORDING TO MFA'S OFFICER RESPONSIBLE FOR FRENCH AFFAIRS (TORELLA), JULY 12 VISIT OF FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER SAUVAGNARGUES TO ITALY FOR TALKS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER RUMOR WAS LARGELY CONCERNED WITH QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO EUROPEAN COUNCIL MEETING NOW ABOUT TO GET UNDERWAY IN BRUSSELS. (TALKS TOOK PLACE ON ITALIAN DESTROYER CRUISING SOUTH OF GENOA.) ADDITIONALLY THE TWO MINISTERS HAD AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE FOLLOWING INTERNATIONAL ISSUES.

2. PORTUGAL. SAUVNARGUES WAS PESSIMISTIC ABOUT THE POSSIBILITIES OF PRESERVING A PLURALISTIC, DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY IN PORTUGAL, FOLLOWING THE MOST RECENT DEVELOPMENTS THERE. SAUVAGNARGUES SUGGESTED THAT THE EC MIGHT WISH TO TAKE A WAIT AND SEE ATTITUDE AT THIS JUNCTURE REGARDING ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL AID TO PORTUGAL. RUMOR OBSERVED THAT THE SITUATION IN LISBON IS DETERIORATING, BUT HE EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THE EC SHOULD PROCEED WITH ITS CONSIDERATION OF ASSISTANCE FOR THE PORTUGUESE.

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3. CSCE. BOTH SIDES CONCLUDED THAT PROSPECTS FOR HOLDING STAGE III OF CSCE IN HELSINKI PRIOR TO THE END OF JULY HAD BRIGHTENED, AND THEY COMMITTED THEIR DELEGATIONS IN GENEVA TO WORK TOWARD THIS END. SAUVAGNARGUES INDICATED HE EXPECTED THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION TO MAKE CONCESSIONS TO THE MALTESE ON THE MEDITERRANEAN QUESTION EVEN THOUGH THE TWO POWERS HAD LITTLE INTENTION OF RESPECTING THE COMMITMENTS THEY MIGHT MAKE. RUMOR DELIVERED A MILD REBUKE TO SAUVAGNARGUES FOR THE OCCASIONAL FAILURE OF THE FRENCH TO REMAIN WITH A UNIFIED EC AT GENEVA.

4. MIDDLE EAST. SAUVAGNARGUES PROVIDED RUMOR WITH A SYNOPSIS OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S PRESENTATION ON THE MIDDLE EAST DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO PARIS. HE NOTED THAT THE SECRETARY WAS GUARDEDLY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT MAKING FURTHER PROGRESS IN HIS EFFORTS TO NEGOTIATE A NEW AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ISRAELIS AND THE EGYPTIANS. VOLPE

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